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In re the Patent Application of	:	
Gehlot	:	Art Unit To Be Known
Serial No. 09/897,848	:	
Filed July 2, 2001	:	Examiner To Be Known
Title: Optical Channel Operating Parameters	:	
Monitoring	:	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 10 line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The operation of the amplifier 718, optical isolator 707, O/E converter 704, bandpass filters 706 and 708, multiplier 710, low pass filter 712, A/D converter 714 and signal processor are explained with reference to the receiver 600 of FIG. 6.--

This is necessary to conform the specification to the informal drawings that were originally filed in the application.